

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the **Abstract** of the application, with the following amended **Abstract**.

A light emitting device including a UV semiconductor light source and a phosphor blend including a blue emitting phosphor, a green emitting phosphor and a deep red emitting phosphor comprising $(\text{Ba}, \text{Sr}, \text{Ca})_3\text{Mg}_x\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8:\text{Eu}^{2+}, \underline{\text{Mn}^{2+}}$, wherein $1 \leq x \leq 2$. Also disclosed is a phosphor blend comprising a blue emitting phosphor, a green emitting phosphor and a red emitting phosphor comprising $(\text{Ba}, \text{Sr}, \text{Ca})_3\text{Mg}_x\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8:\text{Eu}^{2+}, \underline{\text{Mn}^{2+}}$.